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Applicant : Ching-Lan Ho, et al.
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the office action of **February 4, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. OR01-04201

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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF)
Ching-Lan Ho) Examiner: Le, Miranda
Serial No. 09/872,552) Group Art Unit: 2177
Filing Date: May 31, 2001)
Title: EFFICIENT COLLATION ELEMENT STRUCTURE FOR HANDLING LARGE NUMBERS)
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [x] Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed February 4, 2004.
- [] A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- [] Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
 - [] check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
 - [] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- [] Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and ___ references.
- [x] No additional claims fees are required.

An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

- A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
 Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. ____ (Docket No. ____).
 Please deduct any underpayments, credit any overpayments, and charge all required extension of time fees to Deposit Account Number 50-1003. (Docket No. OR01-04201).

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